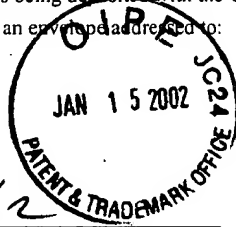


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In re application of:

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Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed March 28, 2001, Applicants respectfully submit this amendment and request continued examination of the above-identified application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114. Applicants believe the current amendment places the application in condition for allowance. A supplemental IDS is being filed concurrently herewith.

Please amend the claims as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 55-68.

38. (Twice Amended) A method of introducing a nucleic acid comprising a foreign therapeutic gene into a cell in a patient, said method comprising the steps of: